

REMARKS

Claims 1- 21 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 4, 5, and 10-12 are independent. In light of the remarks made herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 2 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The Examiner further rejected claims 1, 3, 10, 13, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Solhjell et al.* (USP 5,375,245) and rejected claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Solhjell et al.* in view of *Mitchell et al.* (USP 5,987,614). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 4-9, 11-12, 14-15, 17-18, and 21 include allowable subject matter.

By this amendment, Applicants have amended the claims to more appropriately recite the present invention. These amendments are being made without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's rejection, but merely to timely advance prosecution of the present application.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 2 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. By this amendment, Applicants have amended these claims to more appropriately recite the present invention. Based upon these amendments, it is respectfully requested the outstanding rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite an image display system comprising an image is displayed on the at least one display device in accordance with an image signal and a first signal which is output from the host device, said first signal being a synchronization signal; and the at least one display device monitors a state of coupling with the host device based on a second signal different from the first signal.

In contrast, *Solhjell et al.* discloses a system wherein power management is performed by detecting the presence or absence of a synchronization signal from a computer system. *Solhjell et al.*, however, fails to teach or suggest that power management is performed based on a signal different from a synchronization signal.

Solhjell et al. further fails to teach or suggest that an image is displayed on the at least one display device in accordance with an image signal and a first signal which is output from the host device, said first signal being a synchronization signal; and the at least one display device monitors a state of coupling with the host device based on a second signal different from the first signal, as recited in the claim.

As such, Applicants maintain that claim 1, as amended is not anticipated by *Solhjell et al.* It is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejection be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 3 and 13 are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1, at least based upon their dependency on claim 1. It is further respectfully submitted that claim 10 includes elements similar to those discussed above with regard to claim 1 and thus claim 10, together with the claims dependent thereon, are patentable

over the references as cited by the Examiner for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinet (Reg. No. 52,327) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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